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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
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Attention: Kris Balaji, Federal Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 7 (NON-MPO PLANNING AREAS)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 7 to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the federally mandated Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 2, 2003. This amendment modifies the grouped project listing in the FSTIP for non-regionally significant projects in the non-MPO areas of California that are proposed for implementation with Federal Lands Highway Program funds reserved by the Federal Highway Administration for the implementation of projects on Indian reservation roads (IRR).

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for non-regionally significant projects proposed for implementation with Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program funds in areas of the State of California that are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Region IX office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and, pursuant to procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode transportation improvement program amendments dated March 8, 1996, the Region IX office of the Federal Transit Administration.

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for the inclusion of Amendment No. 7 for the rural (non-MPO) areas of the State into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. We have determined that this FSTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan or the ability to demonstrate that the FSTIP is financially constrained.

Sincerely,

For

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Division Administrator